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REMARKS

Specification

The specification has been amended to refer to the provisional application from which the previously cited application claims priority. Both of these applications had the same attorney docket number (E0900), but the docket number was removed for clarity. This change was made in consideration of the respective filing dates of the present application with the currently and previously cited applications.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 8 have been provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 4 and 13 of Application Serial No. 09/769,982. Although the rejection is provisional, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection and expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. E0887.

Respectfully submitted,

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